

# First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from  
First United Methodist

August 22, 2025

## **MUNCY MINISTERIUM BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER WALK**

The Muncy Ministerium will hold a Back to School Prayer walk to pray for the Muncy Schools. They will meet at St. Andrew Lutheran Church parking lot/prayer garden on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. They will walk to the elementary school and then to the high school, before finishing at Muncy Baptist Church for ice cream. All are welcome to join in praying for our students, teachers, administrators, aids and bus drivers.



## **Bus Trip to See “Noah” at Sight and Sound in Lancaster**



We are excited to announce that, under the leadership of Lisa Laidacker, the church is hosting a bus trip to see “Noah” at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. The bus trip will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and we will attend the 11:00 am showing. Afterward, we will

enjoy a late buffet-style lunch at Dienner’s Country Restaurant. We are anticipating leaving around 7:30 am and returning by 6:00 pm. The cost per person is \$162.00 and includes the bus transportation, the show ticket, and the meal at Dienner’s. We are asking that each person pay at least an \$80.00 deposit when signing up. This deposit is **REQUIRED** in order to reserve your seat on the bus and your show ticket. You can sign up for the trip at the Connection Tables and pay the deposit by either dropping it off at the church office or placing it in a special offering envelope and placing it in the offering plate. Be sure to clearly mark the envelope “bus trip.” Checks should be made payable to First UMC. The deadline to sign up and to pay any balance due is October 28<sup>th</sup>. Any questions can be directed to Lisa at 570-419-8786.

## **GriefShare Begins September 16<sup>th</sup>**

A new 13-week session of GriefShare will begin September 16<sup>th</sup>. They will meet on Tuesday evenings in the Living Water Café beginning at 6:30 pm.

GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week session, you’ll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what’s “normal” in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you’ll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability, and gain solid support each step of the way.

Please invite anyone you know who is struggling after the loss of a loved one and could use support. Contact Holly Pote, Ginny Boob or the church office if you would like more information.



## **Reminders:**

### **Join the Coffee Fellowship Fun**

Jo Langer and Sharon Moyer are seeking several individuals who would like to sign up for a Sunday or two to help out with Coffee Fellowship by making coffee, getting ice water ready, and a few other small tasks. The church provides the supplies and snacks. All we need is your willingness to help! Any offers to help would be greatly appreciated. Please talk with Jo or Sharon who both usually attend the 8:15 am service or call Jo at 570-916-8582 or Sharon at 570-971-4304.

**Tech Helpers Needed:** We are looking for some new folks to step up and take over responsibility for sound and video for the 10:45 service. It only takes a little bit of training which will be provided. If you are interested in learning the boards and joining this ministry, please talk with Barry Grove. All ages are welcome.

### **New Choir Season to Begin**

The Chancel and Bell Choirs will soon begin blessing us with their gifts of music as they kick off a new season. As always, they would love to welcome new members. If you want to check out either choir, the rehearsal times are as follows:

-Bell Choir Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary, beginning August 28<sup>th</sup>.

-Chancel Choir Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room, beginning September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Hospitality Potluck Meal**

The Hospitality Committee will be holding a potluck meal and everyone is invited. It will be on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Celebration Center. There are sign-up sheets on each of the Connection Tables so please let us know you are coming so we have enough tables set up.



August 24, 2025  
“Icarus Has Fallen”  
Matthew 4:1-11  
Matthew 16:21-28